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The readers have spoken! Key insights from the 2016 Groundcover Survey



by Andrew Nixon
Associate Editor

Two months ago in the September edition of Groundcover News, we called upon our readership to weigh in on **the future of Groundcover News**. We dubbed that future “Groundcover 2.0.” At issue were questions of publication design, length, frequency and price. We noted that ongoing operational changes to the organization, as well as our desire to serve our community and our vendors even better, will likely mean substantial changes to the newspaper itself. An online survey created by Groundcover staff has been gathering readership feedback for nearly two

months now – and it’s time to take a look at what you’ve told us.

2016 GCN Reader Survey Results

The first takeaway from the survey is that Groundcover supporters consistently expressed appreciation for the **quality and variety of content** Groundcover News has displayed over the years. Negative feedback was virtually nonexistent, which signals to us that we’re already doing a good job. On the other hand, survey respondents were generous with constructive suggestions for improving the paper and its publicity, many of which we will be looking for opportunities to implement. (See adjacent piece for several examples of insightful comments offered by readers.)

On the question of **price**, an overwhelming majority of respondents (80 percent) indicated a willingness to pay an extra dollar per issue. The idea of doubling the suggested donation from one to two dollars could bring in con-

siderably more revenue for both vendors and the organization. That most respondents reported they’d be “just as likely” to purchase Groundcover News at this new rate suggests that this strategy really could work. Respondents were less enthusiastic about raising the price to three or five dollars; two bucks appears to be the sweet spot.

Concerning **design**, most respondents favored keeping the current newspaper format (versus, say, magazine style) and like the current design. Just under half of respondents favored giving the newspaper a “basic facelift,” which is something we will be exploring with our design team over the next couple months.

A majority of respondents (60 percent) favored keeping Groundcover’s **frequency of publication** to once a month. A tenable alternative would be to issue Groundcover News bi-weekly, as some other street papers do, but this is something probably better explored further down the road if, and when, revenue picks up.

Survey respondents had a lot to say about **content**! Most feedback on the subject was affirming of both the nature and quality of existing content in the paper, but a significant number of respondents asked for more emphasis on **personal stories** of individuals struggling with poverty, homelessness, and related issues; **social issues analysis**, especially more sustained explorations of social justice issues and more coverage of these problems as they occur locally; and **investigative reporting** on local social justice issues that might not receive in-depth coverage elsewhere.

While many decisions have yet to be made concerning Groundcover’s future, based on the feedback we have received thus far we are leaning toward **increasing the suggested donation for each paper to \$2** and slightly changing the emphasis and organization of content.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey! Your feedback is crucial to wisely shaping the future of Groundcover News. We will be taking the survey results into careful consideration as we contemplate various changes to the newspaper. And **if you haven’t completed the survey, it’s not too late** – your feedback still matters! Visit groundcovernews.org to fill out the brief survey online.

Stay tuned for more!



I buy Groundcover both for the content and to support the vendor. I sometimes give \$1 to a vendor without taking the paper if I already have it.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Ms. Beckett,

In the October issue of Groundcover News, you mentioned a “recent move in the State of Michigan to defund the case management aspect of health care.” Is this something that has already happened or is being proposed in Lansing? I’d appreciate it if you could direct me to a source of information on the status of the issue. If you’re referring to social workers who do case management for a population of fragile individuals, pulling public funding from it would be a real detriment to the people affected.

– Kevin Perrotta

As I understand it, Kevin, there has already been a significant reduction in the funding of case management through the State of Michigan. It is difficult to ascertain the extent of the cuts and impact because the State claims that some of the case management is now being provided through the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion. What we are seeing on the ground, however, is that many people who used to get help getting to appointments and filling prescriptions are no longer seeing the same level of support. Also, they no longer have a case manager who checks in with them regularly to forestall problems.

– Susan Beckett

Reader Survey feedback

“Advocate for the City of Ann Arbor to have a small budget for advertising and seed money for trying new business street retail options.”

“Be a little more adventurous in content and ideas, approaches to resolving poverty and homelessness.”

“I would like to see tighter and more focused content, especially adding an investigative reporting feature addressing an issue consistent with our mission, that affects us locally – it could also continue over a couple of issues.”

“More consistent subject organization, regular spotlights, series or columns that readers can look forward to.”

“More about positive outcomes for people seeking economic and social justice.”

“More coupons for downtown businesses!”

GROUNDCOVER MISSION:

Creating opportunity and a voice for low-income people while taking action to end homelessness and poverty.

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What kind of encounter?



by Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell
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I grew up in upstate New York, the daughter of two parents from Massachusetts. My mother was an excellent high school history teacher. Childhood for me was laced with an awareness of key moments, places, and people in American history, particularly those from the first couple centuries of European settlement on the North American continent.

One element of an upbringing like mine was the retelling of everything true and legendary surrounding the arrival of the Pilgrims in Provincetown, and then Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. My family's annual high holiday was Thanksgiving. From year to year we ate an identical meal, and the dishes containing particular foods were in the same position on the table. The traditions were thick.

I was fairly young when we made our first visits to Provincetown at the tip of Cape Cod where the Pilgrims initially landed, and to Plymouth, their eventual settling place, five weeks later. Twenty-five miles south of Provincetown, on the bayside of the Cape, is First Encounter Beach in Eastham. It was there that 16 of the Pilgrims came face to face with members of the Nauset Tribe.

The Pilgrims were not the first Europeans the tribe met. Earlier encounters had not gone well for the Nauset Tribe, and this one was marked with an exchange of arrows and musket fire. Shortly after, the Pilgrims left the Cape and made their way to Plymouth.

Many of you reading this column may have never heard about this first meeting between the European Pilgrims and those who were already here. Better known are the stories of Native Americans saving the Pilgrims from starvation by teaching them the three sisters planting strategy – beans, corn, and squash in a mound with a piece of fish for fertilizer – and of the

first Thanksgiving in 1621. First Encounter Beach is a reminder, no matter what does or doesn't happen for any of us around Thanksgiving, to consider the quality of our encounters with those who are new, strange, different or even hostile to us. I have already stumbled onto my life-giving encounter story for this year. It is one filled with gratitude and thanks.

Earlier in the fall a bride and groom, Jo Du and Earl Lee, were preparing for their wedding day in Guelph, a city located in southwestern Ontario, Canada. As the bride's attendants were helping her into her dress, one of the zipper teeth broke. No one there with the bride knew how to make the necessary repair.

A quick-thinking bridesmaid went to check with a neighbor to see if he had a pair of pliers they could use. The neighbor, David Hobson, offered them something better than a pair of borrowed pliers. He had a family of Syrian refugees from Aleppo staying with him temporarily, parents and three children. The father, Ibrahim Halil Dudu, was a master tailor. Ibrahim

was able, quite proficiently, to sew the bride into her dress, and the wedding went on without a hitch, including a dress that looked just fine.

The tailor was so pleased he could help. And the bride with her bridesmaids, many of whom were from China, couldn't believe their good fortune. Immigrants from very different corners of the world encountered one another with joy and in the midst of a need. And this was possible because a hosting family from another place had extended the generous encounter of hospitality. This example of multiple encounters makes me smile whenever I share it.

Be attentive to your encounters this month. Find ways to connect that bridge differences, that make plain the gifts you have to offer, and that remind you of the fundamental mutuality of care that can unite us. As always, I am thankful for the many encounters that continue to change and stretch those of us in the Groundcover Community.

Barrier Busters Network

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- The United Way of Washtenaw County call center at 2-1-1 Or go to <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/barrierbusters> for a list of participating Barrier Buster agencies and their contact information
- All residents facing **housing-related emergencies must** call Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC) at 734-961-1999
- If you need additional assistance, please contact The Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development at 734-544-6748 and ask to speak to a Barrier Buster staff member.



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Richer than Trump - character and respect for women

by Elizabeth S. Kurtz
Groundcover Vendor #159

I recall hearing a comment Trump made one day regarding his \$1 billion debt. Trump pointed out a homeless man to his daughter and said, "See that bum? He has a billion dollars more than me."

He observed that the person was a billion times richer than he was at the time. While he had no way of knowing the man's financial status, it turns out that, when it comes to the treatment of women, the homeless man may have had even more going in his favor than Trump actually knew. The treasure of character is often mined where monetary wealth is scarce.

I have found that even though the lack of physical boundaries on the street lends itself to language that, as we say, should not be used in the presence of women, men on the streets are generally respectful. There is always a certain demeanor when ladies are present.

There are, of course, those times and places where homeless women are virtually defenseless – such as when we have to camp out in remote spots only surrounded by men. There is invari-

ably the man who will make unwanted advances and seek to take liberties. These are times when women have had to not only contend with fighting off the insects, but sleep with a guarded eye and fight off unwanted attention.

Yet, I have come to the realization that environment has little to do with the gender divide in our society that has become ever-more apparent in recent decades. That Glass Ceilings are not limited to corporate America, but are evident in every stratum of society. As in any part of society, there always seems to be a handful of men who have lagged behind the tremendous advances that have been made in women's equality – those men whose personalities perhaps will always cause them to seek out and exploit the differences between the sexes.

Yet at the end of the day, the men in my community are respectful, caring human beings who value a woman's place in society. They are able often to carry the weight of lugging our belongings around without imposing the male bravado often associated with gender. Like much of the rest of the world, these are men who despise lewdness and the unwanted advances made on women.

One night in particular stands out for me. I had locked my keys in my car and had to sleep in an area where there were mostly men. That night there was a man whose drinking had driven him to obnoxiously loud rants in the area where we were trying to sleep. It was another man who, despite the loud rants of this individual, spoke in calming tones. He reminded the individual that people needed to sleep and the value of respecting others. He never judged the man who was behaving obnoxiously, but asked him to move on out of respect for everyone else. This went on for a seemingly interminable time before the man finally agreed to leave, his rantings echoing in the air as he stumbled away.

I drifted off into a fitful sleep, but awoke again shortly after to the calming voice of the man from the night before. The same gentleman who drove away the drunken individual also tapped on each blanket to make the other women and me aware that it was morning and the breakfast church would be opening soon. Before long we were all alert enough to gather our blankets and head to the breakfast church at St. Andrew's for our first meal of the day.

As I recall, it was Chaucer who during

the Middle Ages made the world aware that gentility, the quality of having good character and high moral standing, was not based on one's social standing. He shocked the sensibilities of the medieval individual with the realization that aristocracy did not equal gentility and that this quality could be found among peasants as well.

And so it is with Trump. Neither money nor social standing has prevented him from treating women with disrespect. Trump's attitude towards women shows that even the person perceived to be the lowliest citizen in the world can not only be richer than him, but behave with more decency towards people of the opposite sex; that a man sleeping under a bridge can display the qualities of gentility rarely associated with his class in life.

We should all take note that whether sleeping under a bridge or in pursuit of the White House, respect for women is not established by one's station in life, but in the inherent character of the individual.

This and other articles by Lit can be found on her website: youcantsaythatlit.weebly.com.

Village Kitchen Kudos



Kitchen owner Helen Panos and hard-working staff members like Sofia make Groundcover Vendor Eddy Powell feel welcome selling there every weekend.

by Eddy Powell
Groundcover Vendor #31

I am really happy to write this article this month. It goes out sincerely to Sophia, for making The Village Kitchen such a pleasant place to be. I'm very happy to come in and see that somebody has such appreciation for their work ethic and their choice of business to make a place really wonderful to be at.

Thanks to the Village Kitchen for welcoming me to sell there each weekend and to Groundcover News for posting me there and making this article possible.

More on Boober Tours: update

by Kevin Spangler
Groundcover Vendor #307

Things are going well with Boober Tours. I just invested in four LED light boxes to mount on the back of the pedicabs. I am going to be working year-round in this business, which frequently means working in the dark at this time of year.

This month I am starting to deliver food for the Brown Jug. My goal is eventually to deliver beer to help prevent people from getting behind the wheel and injuring someone or getting a DUI when they need to replenish.

Drug and alcohol abuse is a serious issue in today's society. Another one of my goals is to revolutionize the drug rehabilitation industry. This will take time. Right now I am building a strong foundation for myself so I can see these goals come to fruition. To overcome my drug and alcohol addictions I used a process called neuro-associative conditioning.

This six-step process takes educating yourself to properly follow this process. This is from the book *Awaken the Giant*

Within by Anthony Robbins:

1. Decide what you want and what is preventing you from having it now.
2. Get leverage. Associate massive pain with not changing now and massive pleasure with changing now.
3. Interrupt the limiting pattern.
4. Create a new empowering alternative.
5. Condition the pattern till it's consistent.
6. Test it.

I have taken a class through Groundcover to help me with my budgeting. Seeing how much it helped me out, I have organized some classes for my eight pedicab crew members. The healthier my crew is, the more successful Boober Tours will be.

Now that we are in our new motivational shop, we are working out deals with the nearby yoga studio and gym for all of us to stay fit together, as a team. Boober Tours – the only way!

Bargaining with U-M

by Phil Bianco
Groundcover Contributor

Beginning on November 16, six members of the Graduate Employees' Organization (GEO) will sit across the table from representatives of the University of Michigan to negotiate a new contract. GEO's current contract expires in May 2017.

GEO is a labor union that represents graduate employees, notably Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) and Graduate Student Staff Assistants (GSSAs). The current contract was negotiated in 2013, before Michigan's so-called Right-to-Work legislation took effect. As a result, this will be the first time GEO negotiates under Right-to-Work laws.

Under Michigan legislation, fair share service fees can no longer be part of employment contracts. These fees, which all workers in the bargaining unit must pay regardless of union membership, cover the expense of bargaining and enforcing the contract. Once they are removed from the contract, only workers who join the union will pay, although non-union members still receive the benefits the union has won.

GEO is pursuing various other modifications, as determined by responses to a member-wide survey and discussions at the organization's General Membership Meetings, to accompany this state-mandated change to the contract. "Since we're a democratic organization, it's the members who decide what the bargaining team's priorities will be," said John Ware, the president of GEO.

Ware explained that this year's negotiation will focus on "trying to make employment at the University for graduate students fair, inclusive, equitable and accessible." Ware gave the examples of improving childcare support for graduate students who are parents; helping international students who are required

to take English classes shoulder the cost of arriving to the University early; and ensuring GSIs and GSSAs receive a living wage.

Ware also cited the union's interest in potentially working with the University's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiative, which was released in October. "It frequently falls to graduate students to make sure that things like that happen, and that work is generally done unpaid and it often falls on already marginalized people to do that extra work to try to make sure that the university is an accessible and inclusive place for them. So the other priority we have is to get that work, which is critical to the functioning of the university, compensated."

For Ware, economic issues are also issues of inclusivity and accessibility. "If graduate education is to be accessible, you have to be able to get by as a graduate student whether or not you can rely on family wealth, whether or not you have debt from undergrad, and that means you have to make a living wage, you have to have good insurance. ... Those economic issues are also issues of access and equity."

Supporters of GEO can help the bargaining process in several ways. Most important, according to Ware, is to stay informed, which members can do by attending membership meetings and bargaining sessions and by reading GEO's communications. Non-members, meanwhile, can "like" GEO's Facebook page. "Anybody can and should 'like' and follow the Facebook page, and when there are opportunities for members of the community to stand with us in solidarity, we'll make sure to get the word out there on social media and hopefully also in other ways."

Denise Bailey, a staff organizer at GEO, emphasized that getting membership to meetings will be extremely important

to the bargaining process. "We're just going to be in constant turnout mode soon," she said at a recent officer/staff meeting for the organization.

At 40 years old, GEO is one of the oldest unions representing graduate employees in the country. This articulation of members as graduate employees, rather than simply graduate students, is central to the union's mission. "Even though we graduate students are students, we are also workers," said Ware. "And as a general matter, when people work, they ought to be paid a living wage."

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Surviving without a check

by La Shawn Courtwright
Groundcover Vendor #56

When I was homeless at the age of 32, I lived on Belle Isle with Frank, my best friend. We obtained two grocery carts that were in the grocery store parking lot after the store's hours of operation. We had taken the things we needed to the island and stashed them not too far from the Turkey Grill Restaurant, an easy marker.

We would go bottle and can hunting all day until we got as many as we could take at one time. We put the glass in the shopping cart and hung extra bags around the cart for cans.

We would, at times, be offered food by people at the park and gladly accepted what was palatable. We also ate plants that didn't require cooking and ate at the mission or a restaurant.

We had a large sleeping bag and an abundance of blankets and warm clothing. We used the shelter of the racquetball courts and collected a bunch of twigs or old coals that could be burned to produce enough heat until we fell asleep. We slept in the same bag to maintain warmth throughout the night.

We used the locker rooms to shower. Frank would wait for me by the door once we knew no one was lurking there. We used the lockers for our clean clothes. We did our laundry at the laundromat about three blocks away.

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Shelter and more at Interfaith Hospitality Network's Alpha House

by Leonore Mohill-Gerstein
Groundcover Contributor

This is a story about families with children who are experiencing homelessness – a sad topic. But it is also a story about Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), an agency in Washtenaw County devoted solely to addressing the needs of these families – an uplifting topic.

The name Interfaith Hospitality Network was chosen with care. “Interfaith” because the organization includes all the major religions in our county. Together, they form a “network,” a strong fabric, to provide not charity, but “hospitality.” To put it another way, the Network’s premise is, and always has been, that families who lose their homes deserve the status of honored guests, a status that is special in all cultures.

For the first nine years, beginning in 1992, IHN operated as a rotating shelter, each congregation hosting the guests for a one-week turn several times a year. In 2001, St. Joseph Mercy Health System leased one of their buildings – Alpha House on Jackson Road, just west of Ann Arbor’s city limits – to IHN for one dollar a year. Having a permanent home at Alpha House means that IHN can give its clients more of what they need most: the sense of security that comes with a safe, reliable temporary home. For the parents, the shelter provides a place and a time to recover strength and acquire new life skills, and, for the children, an opportunity to feel protected from the chaos and sense of crisis that result from losing one’s home.



Volunteers are integral to the functioning of Alpha House, even in maintaining the grounds.

Recently, social research on the needs of children with multiple difficulties has established what some of us have suspected for a long time, namely that once the housing problem is solved, developmental deficits have a chance to mend on their own to a great extent. Academic growth, emotional and social competencies, and attitudes and moods all benefit from the sense of security and order a home and neighborhood provide.

While clients are safely housed at Alpha House, their individual needs are served most directly by the one of the Housing Support Coordinators and the

Children’s Services Coordinator, who hold both group and individual meetings. A new client’s first meeting with coordinators assesses the family’s particular needs. First and foremost is the need to find a dwelling. One housing coordinator works mostly with landlords, while the remaining three help each client to overcome specific practical and internal barriers to finding a new home.

How does the work get done at Alpha House? Six family-size bedrooms and four bathrooms accommodate up to six families at a time. The staff offices are located in the same building. This

proximity fosters a sense of commitment and community. It is reassuring to families to know that a staff person is on site at all times and that urgent issues need not fester before being resolved.

The professional staff of social workers, other specialists, and shelter aides rely on interns from the schools of social work at our various local colleges, and a battalion of volunteers to keep things running smoothly and ensure that the families have all the support they need. The 38 congregations who make up IHN are the center of gravity of volunteering at Alpha House. Coordinators from each place of worship recruit helpers for the week of service. They are briefed a few weeks before it is their turn to serve, so they have necessary information about dietary and other health needs of guests, the composition of the families and other pertinent details. New volunteers receive helpful written advice to prepare them to serve. Volunteers include entire families not affiliated with the network, who come at regular intervals and provide a special kind of caring. A volunteer tutor comes often to help the older children in the evenings. And one must not leave out the many organizations, service groups, fraternities and sororities who come *en masse* for special workdays.

What is a typical day for residents of Alpha House? The toughest time of day is the early morning, according to Latania Fair, Shelter Director. Parents are busy readying the kids for school or

see ALPHA HOUSE, page 11



Your Past does not have to define you or your future! Are you a Catholic who could benefit from a chat with a priest, an opportunity to reconnect with your Church family? Have you things in your past that still concern you- events and choices that you wish you had not made- addictions that haunt you and cloud your sense of spiritual well being?

Know that your past does not have to define your future: God’s mercy is greater than any fault or failing! It was for this that Jesus suffered and died that we all might know God’s all powerful mercy and love.

St. Francis Parish at 2250 E Stadium Blvd is offering an all day opportunity for YOU to chat with a priest (or maybe go to confession) on Wednesday, Nov 16 from 10am to 10pm in the Parish Activity Center.

Just bring yourself and we will do the rest! For more information call us at (734)769.2550

And may God’s mercy be yours today!

Fr. James Conlon

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Stories of combat and compassion



Captain Taryn Barnes' account of her crash landing in a Kiowa Helicopter in Iraq will be one of the anecdotes presented by Veteran story tellers at the Service Above Self event on Wednesday, November 9, at the Michigan Theater.

by Lawrence Dolph
Groundcover Contributor

The Michigan Theater house lights dim and suddenly you are not in your seat but instead at the controls of a B-17 Flying Fortress next to Army Air Force First Lieutenant John A. Clark returning from a mission to support the Battle of the Bulge...

And all four of your engines have quit.

Below and off course, you see an improvised runway ending in a frozen swamp. It's for fighters, and far too short for a massive, high-flying long-range bomber heavy with armor plates and bristling with machine guns. With another in-

jured B-17 right behind you.

Welcome to the second annual event, "Service Above Self – Honoring Our Veterans." Doors open at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9 at the Michigan Theater. Stephen Schram, General Manager of Michigan Radio, will emcee five stories of combat and compassion framed by live performances of the music that defines that our wars.

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19. Compulsion
20. Soft drinks
21. Jump, on the ice
22. Grab
23. Bovine
25. Expletive
27. Ubiquitous web page (abbr.)
30. "_____ It"
33. Foot part
37. Escape
39. "_____ '70s Show"
41. Dance
42. Distant
43. Idaho city
44. Turkey's neighbor
45. Travel
46. Sword
47. Malice
48. Tropical plant
50. Destiny
52. Mr. Jarrett
53. Rootless plant
55. Legislation
57. Clan
60. Ardor
63. Affirmatives
67. _____ Hamada
68. Film star of the 1930s
70. Continent
71. _____ of Tomorrow
72. Baseball catcher Joe
73. Adam or Kanye
74. Sensory organs
75. Permit

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1. _____ Hari
2. Dedicated
3. Body part
4. Inebriated
5. Beverage
6. Deception
7. Either of two of Henry VIII's wives
8. Censure
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11. Herbivore
12. 0.1 microjoules
13. Negative, in Archangel
18. Baked treat
22. Pallid
24. Burrows or Vigoda
26. Ceremony
27. Anxieties
28. Michael Caine or Jude Law role
29. Good poker hand
31. Above
32. Criminal
34. Italian city
35. Gladden
36. Like a window
38. Very attractive one
40. On a ship
43. Colony insects

47. Stock market regulators (abbr.)
49. Udall or Howard
51. Flavor
54. Shabby
56. Austrian state
57. Defrost
58. Climb
59. Flower
61. Theater section
62. Father of Deimos and Phobos
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69. Theta's predecessor

Puzzle by Jeff Richmond

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| November 18 | German Pretzel Sales, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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| November 19 | Football Parking at Bethlehem
(proceeds benefit our youth programs) |
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Local Activist Spotlight: Momo and Little Lake School

Interview by Blair Ellis
Groundcover Contributor

Who the heck are you?

Momo (or Alex Husted). Age 25. Cat person.

What is your relationship with Ann Arbor?

I grew up on a farm in Saline township, but both my parents grew up in Ann Arbor. True story: I'm actually a distant relative of Mary Ann Rumsey (One of the Anns of "Ann Arbor"), so I'm about as townie as it gets without technically growing up in Ann Arbor. Currently, I live in Ypsilanti and I like it a whole lot.

What is the most "Ann Arbor" moment you have ever had?

One time during Art Fair, I saw a person wearing only underwear slapping ham slices onto themselves and yelling about the "hive mind."

What projects are you involved with right now?

I'm an advisor and administrator at the Little Lake Learning Community, an un-schooling cooperative in Ann Arbor. We're a K-12 alternative to school that's operated using a consensus-based decision-making model by both the attendees and staff.

What led you to that project?

Well, growing up, I hated school. I thought it was unfair that I was forced to sit inside all day against my will, and that I had to spend my time memorizing answers only to regurgitate them on tests. It wasn't that I didn't like learning, it was that I didn't feel like what I was doing in school was learning; it was jumping through academic hoops and not actually engaging with information. Instead of answering their questions in the way they wanted me to, I wanted to ask



Alex Husted, also known as Momo, promotes alternative education.

my own questions and explore their answers.

I had a rough time in high school, and ended up being kicked out of Saline Schools for skipping too much. My parents enrolled me in Clonlara, an alternative school in Ann Arbor where I could have more independence and autonomy over my education. It turns out, I can learn a lot when no one is forcing me. And having a voice in how my school was run made me really invested in my community. It may seem counter-intuitive to a lot of folks, but I'm glad that when my parents saw me struggling, they chose to give me

freedom instead of doubling-down and governing my life. I don't think I would've learned to be responsible for myself if I wasn't given that opportunity.

The experience has been so important and transformative for me that I've been interested in alternatives to school ever since. Clonlara has changed since I attended, but I got involved in Little Lake when I was 19, after returning from living on the West Coast. I've been involved in some capacity since then.

What are some misconceptions about your project?

I think the main misconception is that play isn't educational. At Little Lake, all classes and activities are optional. Many students, especially young ones, spend much of their day playing. Every day I watch kids learn academics like reading, writing, and math, through play. But, also (and more importantly to me), I see them learning really important social skills, like consent and conflict resolution, from a young age.

What can people do to support your work?

Right now, honestly, our biggest struggle is funding. Our tuition is low, and we offer sliding-scale tuition as well, to remain economically accessible to low-income families, but this means we're always running on a shoestring budget. There's not a lot of grants for programs like ours, so we're always looking for creative ways to subsidize our sliding scale program. Also, we're a nonprofit, so donations are tax deductible. (*Wink*)

What activist projects do you not see in Ann Arbor right now that would be helpful to have?

I don't know if this is a project exactly, but I wish University of Michigan student groups did more to make their events more available to non-students. The University has the resources to bring interesting people to speak, or to hold "public" educational events, but they don't always do a good job of letting the broader community know about them, or of scheduling them at times when working people can attend.

What other activist initiatives in the area should readers be aware of?

Have you talked to the organizers of Radical Washtenaw? They've done some amazing community organizing in the wake of the police murder of Aura Rosser in 2014.

If you want to learn more about the awesome stuff going on at Little Lake Learning Community you can add them on Facebook or visit littlakeschool.org.

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A proposed peace treaty

by David KE Dodge

Groundcover Contributor

What follows is an excerpt of a poem by the same name. The entire 13-page version of the poem can be found online at dkedodge.wordpress.com under the name a-proposed-peace-treaty-final-15.

A PROPOSED PEACE TREATY

between its author, who enjoyed a student deferment from 1968 to 1972,

and those who served in Vietnam:

OVERTURE

I sue for peace.

INDUCEMENT

Suffer no more your nationalist fervor;
be at ease in peace and love.

CEASE FIRE

Let others take up the sword of conflict;
lay yours down—your service secured—
as your nation cries for other service.

PROPOSAL OF RECONCILIATION

Let us rest together, at ease,
but only if all our convictions allow
that you have only done your best,
that I have only done my best, and
that for the future
we will only do so more,
as our never-ending search casts new light
on wisdom ever emerging
in new birth.

TERMS OF CESSATION OF CONFLICT

This is the treaty I petition;
accept it, as I have, and be at peace:
You suffer no more your nationalist fervor,
and I will suffer no more
my shame

at my service delayed
as safety assured;

my shame
at my nation's betrayal
of your patriot's answer;
my shame
at my nation.

SURRENDER

I surrender
all my festering,
too-long fondled wounds.
Treat with yourself:
You surrender yours;
be in peace.

Stories of combat and compassion

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families undergoing extended short-term care at the Veterans Administration (VA) Ann Arbor Health Care System. For details and advance tickets visit www.vetsintheater.org. The event is free. Donations are encouraged.

Blink again and once more you are transported to the cockpit of an F-4 flown by a Captain Charlie Plumb on his 75th Vietnam War combat mission, a pilot so skilled that he performed the first adversarial flights in the development of "Top Gun," The Navy Fighter Weapons School. "We're hit! Mayday. Mayday." And we are spiraling down over Hanoi.

Blink again and you're over Iraq with Captain Taryn Barnes in a Kiowa Warrior reconnaissance helicopter and going down hard in the dead of night. Blink and we are on the ground in Iraq as a Canadian ally, and again in Iraq as a woman military police officer who will find herself in rocket fire, a future University of Michigan (U-M) Medical School Scholarship winner who right now is behind a machine gun.

On stage beside her, her younger brother is on foot patrol in a remote, harsh corner of Afghanistan. His Infantry Stryker unit is undermanned and under-supplied, but they will not give up their corner of dirt. Their high-tech military equipment, including jammers and mine detectors, are no match for this archaic enemy using antiquated tactics and equipment.

Unimaginable, but then so is what happens to the only surviving member of a psychological warfare team operating in Iraq, their Humvee rolling to help bring the necessities of life to Iraqi civilians when, too late, they catch a glimpse of the bomb-filled vehicle that has targeted them. The blast digs a twenty-foot crater and our only survivor is unrecognizable; the two other Americans in the Humvee are dead.

Support from the families and medical miracles performed by the VA Health-care System enable the wounded to live, endure the long road to recovery, find new meaning in their lives, and share their stories on November 9 at the Michigan Theater.

And in this we have a contrast of experiences.

Psy Ops veteran Matt Drake receives extended traumatic brain injury therapy from a Florida VA facility with a Fisher House because there was no such facility in Michigan. His mother remained out-of-state for seven months to nurse him through a recovery that would not have been possible in previous wars.

Triple-amputee Afghanistan veteran Kevin Trimble, by contrast, receives comparable expert care from a military hospital that has an adjacent Fisher House for his family. His sister is so impressed by both quality of care that the former Air Force security police technical sergeant switches from law enforcement to pre-med. Deborah Trimble then wins the Pat Tillman Military Scholarship to the University of Michigan Medical School.

Veterans' stories will be framed by musical performances from the Concordia University Choir, spinto soprano Katherine Larsen, the U-M a cappella group The Dicks and Janes and the self-conducted chamber orchestra Tel-

luric Ensemble. Flag ceremonies will be performed by the U-M ROTC and local veterans color guards.

Michigan is one of the leading states for military enlistees as we confront threats across the globe.

And yet Michigan

is also one of the few major enlistment states not to have a Fisher House. Ohio is working on building their third, Florida has six and Texas has seven Fisher Houses.

"Our veterans have given so much to keep us safe and free," says Brad Chick, president of Built It For The Brave, a non-profit Michigan 501(c)3 corporation that is leading the Fisher House fund-raising drive.

"We only begin to understand how much we owe our veterans as we hear their stories. And learn that Service Above Self is quite possibly the biggest thing any of us can do with our lives."

Major sponsors of Service Above Self – Honoring Our Veterans are NuStep, Inc., Masco Corporation, Ardis and Mike Cicchella, Sr., Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation, Agnes and Stephen Reading. Other community sponsors include Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan Military and Veteran Services, Michigan Theater and Michigan Radio.

"We only begin to understand how much we owe our veterans as we hear their stories." – Brad Chick, president of Built It For The Brave.

Shelter and more at Interfaith Hospitality Network's Alpha House

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day care, making lunches, minding the clock so that no child misses her or his ride to school (by law, the County provides transportation to a child's home school, rather than to the school closest to the shelter). Buses and taxis come for the kids and for parents who do not have their own wheels. During the day, most parents are at work; some are seeking both housing and work. Everyone reunites at Alpha House for family time and supper. Cooked dinners come from the congregations serving on any given week. Volunteers from those congregations also provide one or more volunteers to serve dinner and clean up, and spend an hour of playtime in the vast basement playroom or spend the night at Alpha House, assisting the staff members.

During the evening play hour, parents have an opportunity to meet with the staff. Two series of group workshops run in the evenings: one concentrates on housing search and related life skills, and the other on parenting and the children's lives. While the workshops are not obligatory, most parents take advantage of them. These interventions bring the clients closer to fulfilling their wishes – which are like those of most of us.

Fair states a simple truth: "The parents want what all parents wants for their kids: a nice home, a safe neighborhood, safe streets, good schools, a community that offers parks, libraries, and other amenities."

The Federal Bureau of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has granted


IHN special funding to speed up the process of finding homes for clients by covering the costs of the security deposit and one month's rent. Thus, while a limit of 90 days per stay is in effect at Alpha House, the current turnover of clients is greater than it used to be; many families have a home after a much briefer stay. Nonetheless, maximum stability is the goal, and the professional staff maintains contact through home visits with each family for a year after they leave Alpha House.

Thanks to the generosity of foundations and other grantors, and the kindness of Washtenaw County residents who give both time and tangible gifts to Alpha House, the agency is thriving and will continue to do so. And the reward? Alpha House Executive Director Chris Barry says that her greatest satisfac-

tion comes from seeing "the incredible progress families make while they are here."

Kathy Koehler, Volunteer Coordinator, told me about a special Alpha House custom: newly arriving clients receive a Welcome Basket filled with clothing and personal necessities, and upon leaving for their own new home, a Blessing Basket with similarly practical gifts. These are the gestures of kindness and empathy that typify Alpha House, its staff, its network of supporters and its mission.

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A close-up photograph of a red ceramic dish with a white interior. The dish is filled with a baked, golden-brown, crumbly food item, likely a casserole or bread pudding. A wooden spoon is resting inside the dish, partially submerged in the food. The food has a textured, crumbly appearance with some darker, possibly caramelized or browned areas. The dish is set against a dark, patterned background.

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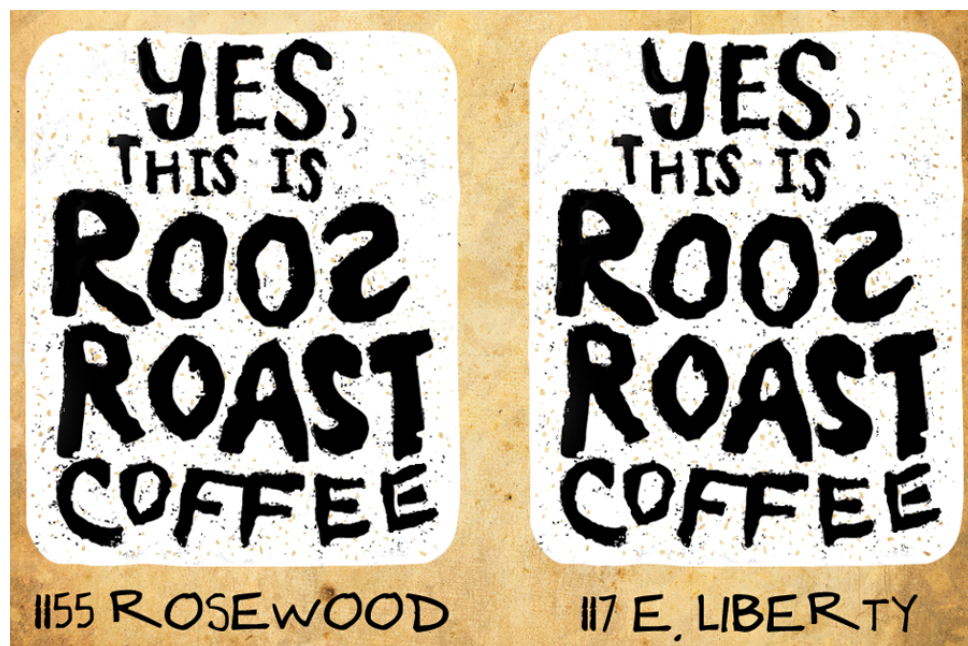
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